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1. SUMMARY: US PERMDEL OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED UNESCO REGIONAL CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM WITH CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PERMDELS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HAS COME TO GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT MAIN OBJECTIVE OF ALL FOUR IS 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE CONFIRMATION OF THEIR ADDITION TO EUROPEAN AND ASIAN REGIONAL GROUPS RESPECTIVELY. SEEN FROM THIS VIEW, U.S. AND CANADIAN INVITATIONS TO BUCHAREST MINISTERS OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE AND AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND INVITATIONS TO JAKARTA CULTURAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE PRIMARILY SOUGHT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH PRECEDENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF 92ND EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION (PARA 2 REFTEL A) AND TO STRENGTHEN CASE IN PREPARATION FOR 18TH GC DEBATE.

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WM AUSTRALIAN VIEWS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B REFLECT GENERALLY

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ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ATTITUDE OF LONG-TIME MEMBER AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO UNESCO--GARDINER-DAVIES-- BUT DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT FINAL VIEW OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION IN PARIS. AUSTRALIANS HAVE INDICATED SOME WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE JAKARTA INVITATION AT SEPTEMBER EXBD MEETING IF ASSURED THEY WOULD NOT BE INJURED BY POLITICAL BACKLASH FROM U.S ATTEMPT TO GAIN BUCHAREST INVITATION DURING SAME SESSION. N.Z. HAS SIMILAR MISGIVINGS BUT APPEARS MORE WILLING TO TAKE RISK AT FALL BOARD.

3. ADDITIONAL CONCERN OF ALL IS POSSIBLE ATTEMPT BY ISRAEL TO OBTAIN CLASSIFICATION BY 93 EXBD IN EITHER ASIAN OR EUROPEAN GROUP ALONG LINES OF 92 EXBD DECISION. ISRAELI PERM REP RECENTLY ASSURED U.S. PERM DEL, HOWEVER, THAT ISRAEL IS NOT CURRENTLY PLANNING TO RAISE QUESTION AT SEPTEMBER EXBD BUT IS CONSIDERING APPLYING FOR EUROPEAN GROUP DURING 18 GC.

4. CANADIAN PERM DEL VIEWS ARE SAME AS REPORTED IN REFTEL C. CANADIANS ARE CAREFULL WATCHING FRENCH POSITION AND WOULD BE READY TO MOVE FOR BUCHAREST INVITATION IF SATISFIED THAT FRENCH WOULD REFRAIN FROM ATTACK AND QUESTION OF ISRAELI PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT BE RAISED.

5. MAJOR ARGUMENT OF FRENCH AGAINST U.S. AND CANADIAN FULL PARTICIPATION AT BUCHAREST WOULD BE SPECIFIC 17 GC DELETION FROM EUROPEAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE RESOLUTION OF CLAUSE ALLOWING NON-EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION. FRANCE COULD ALLEGE THAT INVITATIONS TO U.S. AND CANADA WOULD BE ILLEGAL ACT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD USING 92 EXBD RESOLUTION TO CIRCUMVENT SACRED DECISION OF SUPREME GENERAL CONFERENCE.

6. COMMENT: PERMDEL BELIEVES THAT IT IS IN INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES FOR AUSTRALIA AND N.Z. TO OBTAIN INVITATIONS FOR JAKARTA MEETING. DURING 92ND EXBD ALL ASIAN MEMBERS EITHER PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY AGREED TO AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND PARTICIPATION IN ASIAN GROUP. IF JAKARTA ITEM WERE CONSIDERED BEFORE BUCHAREST ITEM AT 93 EXBD, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE DANGER THAT AUSTRAILIA AND NEW ZEALAND WOULD LOSE AND THEIR ATTENDANCE AT JAKARTA WOULD FORTIFY 92ND EXBD DECISION AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A WHOLE. SHOULD N.Z. DECIDE TO MAKE EFFORT, AUSTRALIA WOULD BE FORCED TO JOIN IN JUST AS IT DID DURING 92ND EXBD.

7 SITUATION WITH REGARD TO INVITATIONS TO BUCHAREST CONF. IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEM. WERE U.S. TO FAIL IN 93RD EXBD ATTEMPT TO GAIN INVITATION TO BUCHAREST, FAILURE COULD BE USED EFFECTIVELY AGAINST U.S. DURING

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REGIONAL ISSUE DEBATE AT 18TH GC. PRIOR TO MAKING ANY DECISION
ON TACTICS, THREE ASPECTS NEED TO BE WEIGHED AND ANALYZED:
A. RESULTS OF U.S. -FRENCH DISCUSSIONS OF FRANCE'S ANTI-
U.S. ATTITUDE TAKEN DURING 92ND EXBD.
B. USSR VIEW ON REGIONAL ISSUE AS DEVELOPED DURING CURRENT
US-USSR NATIONAL COMMISSION MEETING; AND
C. CONFIRMATION THAT ISRAELI REGIONAL GROUP ISSUE WILL
NOT ENTER DEBATE DURING 93RD EXBD.
SHOULD ISRAELI REGIONAL GROUP PROBLEM NOT ARISE DURING 93RD
EXBD AND SHOULD FRANCE AND USSR ASBSTAIN FROM DEBATE ON
U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN GROUP, IT WOULD APPEAR CLEARLY
IN U.S. INTEREST TO REQUEST INVITATION AT 93RD EXBD TO
ATTEND BUCHAREST CONFERENCE AS VOTING PARTICIPANT.
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